

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-6, 11, 21 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,285,911 (hereinafter "Watts") in view of U.S. Patent 5,933,609 (hereinafter "Walker").

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). (Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) ¶ 2143.03).

Applicant's independent claims 1 and 21 include limitations that are not disclosed nor suggested by the neither Watts nor Walker. As a result, Applicant's independent claims are patentable over Watts in view of Walker.

In particular, applicant's claims include the limitation of a display screen of a notebook computer that is detachable from the notebook computer.

Neither Watts nor Walker discloses a display screen of a notebook computer that is detachable from the notebook computer, as claimed by applicant. Rather, **Watts and Walker are both limited to disclosing a docking station.**

[T]he present invention provide[s] a computer docking system and method for connecting a portable computer to a docking station and method for coupling the docking station to an external monitor and an external keyboard . . . (Watts, abstract).

A portable computer and corresponding docking station, where the portable computer may be inserted into or removed from the docking station without concern relating to the state of either the portable computer or of the docking station. . . . (Walker, abstract).

Therefore, as a result of neither Watts nor Walker disclosing a display screen of a notebook computer that is detachable from the notebook computer, as claimed by applicant, applicant's claims are patentable over Watts in view of Walker.

Applicant's remaining claims depend from at least one of the independent claims discussed above, and therefore include the distinguishing claim limitations as discussed above. As a result, Applicant's remaining claims are also patentable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

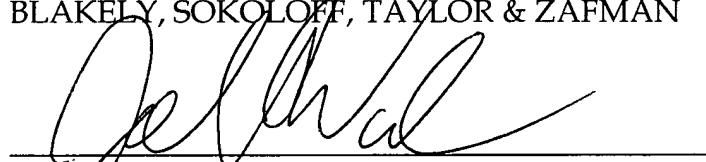
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